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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 60 I., dated 8th February 1912.

ABSTRACT.—Fixing certain scale of charges for the use of the steam launch S.S. "Lily" of the Madura division.

II

Letter—from R. A. GRAHAM, Esq., I.C.S., Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
To—the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Political Department.
Dated—Trivandrum, the 8th December 1915.
No.—R.O.C. 2557/14.

The Diwan of Travancore states that considerable difficulty is experienced by the officers of the Darbar, particularly in the Forest and Excise Departments, with regard to the inspection of the Periyar lake reserve and the catchment area for want of facilities for navigation in the Periyar lake. Such inspection necessitates the use of the Public Works Department launches on the lake, but at present officers have to obtain the permission of the Executive Engineer, Madura, every time they want to use them and the rate of hire is beyond their means. The Diwan therefore asks that the Darbar officers may be allowed to use them on the same conditions as British officers on duty.

The Executive Engineer, Madura, tells me that he would have no objection to the Darbar officers using the launches when on duty, provided that the launches are not required at the time for any Public Works Department purpose and that previous notice is given to the driver; but he is of course unable to relax the conditions as regards payment and so far as he is concerned, the officers of the Darbar must be regarded as ordinary members of the public in that respect. The rule with regard to British officers on duty, I understand, is that they pay nothing for the use of the launches but can draw only half daily allowance for days on which they use them. The Diwan asks that this rule may be extended to the officers of the Darbar and suggests the Darbar should pay to the British Government the difference between the travelling allowance which an officer could ordinarily draw under the Travancore rules for the journey performed and half his daily allowance. He urges that inspection of the area in question by his officers is in the interests of the British Government as well as of Travancore and that it is desirable that inspection should be more frequent and efficient than at present; and points out that the Travancore travelling allowance rules are more generous than the British, inasmuch as officers travelling in hilly tracts are always allowed to draw mileage and, when means of locomotion are provided by the Darbar, are allowed to draw half the travelling allowance otherwise admissible. This is persumably to indicate the amount which would be payable by the Darbar to the British Government.

3. It seems to me that the proposal if accepted, might lead to complications, but I put the Diwan's request before Government for consideration. It is possible that Government, if unable to comply with it, may be pleased to reduce in favour of the Darbar officials the charges for the hire of the boats.

III

Memorandum No. 9894/15 15-A, dated 10th January 1916.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, for remarks.

2. It is to be noted that the scale of charges fixed in G.O. No. 60 I., dated 8th February 1912, does not include the cost of the ordinary establishment but only that

of a stoker and steersman who are specially employed to enable both the "Daisy" and the "Lily" to be run at the same time. In the circumstances stated by the Diwan the rates may perhaps be reduced, as under, deducting the small profits to Government in the data for the rates printed on page 3 of the Government Order referred to—

	RS.	A.
For one trip not exceeding three hours	9	0
For each additional hour of travelling	2	8
For each additional hour not moving	0	12

The Superintending Engineer is requested to consider and report if there is any objection to the above rates being adopted.

(By Order.)

F. E. MORGAN,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D. (Irrigation).

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

IV

Letter—from J. S. WESTERDALE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura division.
To—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, Trichinopoly.
Dated—the 18th February 1916.
No.—211-S.E.

In reply to your 613, dated 20th January 1916, I have the honour to state that data for fixing the for charges S.S "Lily" is only approximate and the "profit to Government" is in reality a fictitious figure. As noted by Government, the data does not include the "ordinary establishment" although the special establishment is included. The data also includes cost of fuel, presumably at current local rates, but it must be remembered that no actual payment is made for the fuel as it is collected by the lascars. If the cost were worked out on the lascars' pay it would probably be found to exceed the rates allowed.

This data however is not the basis upon which the sufficiency of the rate should be judged at all. The only satisfactory way to form a decision is to compare the income derived from the hire of launches with the cost of maintenance. Accurate figures are available for 1913-14 and 1914-15 only and are as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1913–1914.			
Income from launch hire (direct payments)	588	8	0
Income from launch hire (indirect, i.e., half day's daily allowance for Government officers who used the launch).	26	0	0
	614	8	0
Expenditure—			
Cost of maintaining launches	206	11	11
Establishment for launches	1,810	2	8
	2,016	14	7
1914–15.			
Income (direct)	725	8	0
Income (indirect)	70	8	0
	796	0	0
Expenditure—			
(1) Maintenance	301	11	4
(2) Establishment	1,934	15	10
	2,236	11	2

It will be seen that in both years the expenditure far exceeded the income and it does not therefore appear advisable to reduce the rates at all.

No. 381, *dated* 1*st March* 1916.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with reference to the correspondence ending with this office 332-C.E., dated 20th February 1916. The reduction proposed by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation will not materially affect the conditions of profit and loss and may therefore be adopted.

L. D. VENKATARAMA AYYAR,
Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

Order—No. 143 I., dated 24th March 1916.

With reference to his letter first read above, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin will be informed that officials of the Travancore Darbar, when on duty, will be permitted to use the launches on the Periyar lake subject to the following conditions :—

(1) that the launches are not required at the time for any Public Works Department purpose ; and,

(2) that 24 hours previous notice is given to the driver.

2. The charges leviable for the use of the launches will be on the following reduced scale :—

	RS.	A.
For one trip not exceeding three hours	9	0
For each additional hour of travelling	2	8
For each additional hour not moving	0	12

(True Extract.)

W. M. ELLIS, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government., P.W.D.
(Irrigation Branch).

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin through Political Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
,, Accountant-General, Madras.

Copy to the Political Department.
,, Financial Department.

Forwarded to the

(By Order.)

Deputy Registrar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 143 I., DATED 24TH MARCH 1916.

[SUBJECT.—*Concession to officers of the Travancore Darbar in the matter of the use of Public Works Department steam launches for the navigation of the Periyar lake.*]

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated 8th December 1915, *R.O.C.* 2557.

Submitted that the remarks of the Public Works Department (Irrigation) may be invited.

R.V.S.—15-12-15.
A J.J.—15-12-15.

R. H. COURTENAY—16-12-15.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation) u.o.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

The conditions on which the Darbar officials may be permitted to use the launches when on duty, which are proposed by the Executive Engineer, viz. :—

(*a*) that the launches are not required at the time for any Public Works Department purpose; and

(*b*) that previous notice should be given to the driver,

appear necessary and may be approved.

2. As regards the question of rent, it is submitted that in G.O 60 I., dated 8th February 1912, the Government laid down that *river steamers* in the Periyār lake should be supplied to all officers of Government on duty free of charge and that the officers using them should draw half the travelling allowance ordinarily admissible—vide article 999 (1) of the Civil Service Regulations. A scale of charges has also been laid down for their use by officers not on duty and private individuals.

3. In paragraph 2 of his letter the Resident refers to "boats." The rents to be levied for the use of Public Works Department boats are laid down in G.O. 311 I., dated 2nd August 1909, as modified by G.O. 360 I., dated 19th June 1913. In this case also, Government officers not on duty are treated as private individuals for the purposes of rent.

The Resident is obviously referring to the Periyār lake launches, to which these Government Orders do not apply.

F.E.M.—5-1-16.

4. The Executive Engineer's suggestion that the Travancore officials should be treated for purposes of rent "as ordinary members of the public" seems fair, in view of the fact that British officers not on duty are treated as private individuals. As observed by the Resident the proposal that the Darbar should pay to the British

Government the difference between the travelling allowance which the officer could ordinarily draw under the Travancore rules and half his daily allowance might lead to complications.

It is for orders if any reduction of rent will be made. In support of this application it is urged by the Darbar that the inspection of the Periyār lake reserve and the catchment area by the Travancore officials is in the interests of the British Government as well as the Darbar. The number of occasions on which the launches may be used is not reported but they are not likely to be many.

G.V.—4-1-16.

P.K.S.—4-1-16.

The scale of charges for the S.S. "Lily" are—

	RS.
(1) One trip not exceeding three hours	10
(2) Each additional hour travelling	3
(3) Do. do. not moving	1½

These charges include the following profits to Government :—

Page 3 of G.O. 60 I., 8th February 1912.

(1) Rupee 1.
(2) Annas 8.
(3) „ 4.

The charges do not include the cost of ordinary establishment but only that of a stoker and steersman, who are specially employed to enable both the "Daisy" and the "Lily" to be run at the same time.

Foot-note to page 3 of G.O. 60 I., 8th February 1912.

2. It is submitted that it is very improbable that the Travancore Darbar's proposal would recoup the Madras Government for the actual working expenses of the launches and the Darbar appear to think that this Government make a big profit on their working at the charges now fixed which they do not. The Darbar might be given concession rates fixed on actual working expenses which would be in the case to say "Lily" —

	RS.	A.	P.
(1) For first three hours or part of three hours	9	0	0
(2) Rate for each hour over three hours' travelling	2	8	0
(3) Rate for each hour not moving	0	12	0

3. I think it does not cost so much to run the "Daisy" though the same rates have been fixed for all steamers on the Periyār lake. The actual cost of running is not known and the concession rates proposed above might apply to the "Daisy" also.

F. E. MORGAN—5-1-16.

I agree.

The reduced rates are based on the estimate of actual cost to Government without any allowance for steamer rent or for harbour crew but only for extra hands hired when the steamer is under way and the Resident may be so informed. Draft to the Superintending Engineer to say what is proposed and ask if there is any objection or if he has any suggestion to make.

W. M. ELLIS—5-1-16.

An endorsement to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, is submitted for approval. It seems unnecessary to address the Resident at this stage The decision which may be arrived at after the receipt of the Superintending Engineer's report will be communicated to the Resident through the Political Department.

S.S.—7-1-16.

P.K.S.—8-1-16.

F.E.M.—8-1-16.

[Endorsement issued as 9894/15 A.-1, dated 10th January 1916.]

A draft reminder to the Superintending Engineer is submitted for approval.

V.G.—15-2-16.

Issue.

P. K. SUBBA AYYAR—15-2-16.

From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 20*th February* 1916, 332 *C.E.*

Submitted.

2. A further report from the Superintending Engineer may be awaited till the 10th proximo.

V.G.—23-2-16.

T.S.R.—23-2-16.

F. E. MORGAN—23-2-16.

From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 1*st March* 1916, 381 *C.E.*

The Superintending Engineer agrees that the reduced scale of charges suggested in official memorandum, dated 10th January 1916, may be adopted. A draft order on the case is submitted which, if approved, may be sent to Political and Financial for acceptance.

Condition (2) might specify 1 day's notice.

S.S.—10-3-16.

P.K.S.—10-3-16.

F.E.M.—10-3-16.

W. M. ELLIS—10-3-16.

To the Political Department } *u.o.*
,, *Financial* ,,

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted in Political and the file passed on to Financial.

C.R.—14-3-16.

A.J.J.—14-3-16.

R. H. COURTENAY—15-3-16.

To the Financial Department u.o.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may be accepted.

T.H.R.--17-3-16.

I see no reason for reducing the rates. If the Darbar officials find the rates too heavy it is for the Darbar to give relief and not for Government to contribute towards the relief by reduction of charges.

L. E. KERSHAW—17-3-16.

True, but the matter is of no consequence and we can leave it to Public Works Department.

A. BUTTERWORTH—18-3-16.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation) u.o.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

Submitted that the draft order may now be circulated to the Honourable Member.

T.S.R.—20-3-16.
P.K.S.—20-3-16.

Submitted to the Honourable Member.

F. E. MORGAN—21-3-16.

We are anxious to meet Travancore to any reasonable extent and this proposal is made with a view to this.

W. M. ELLIS—21-3-16.
H. A. S[TUART]—22-3-16.

Submitted that the draft order may now issue.

T.S.R.—23-3-16.
P.K.S.—23-3-16.

Issue.

F.E.M.—24-3-16.

[G.O. No. 143 I., dated 24th March 1916.]

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, VI CIRCLE, TRICHINOPOLY. GENL. 320 EE 17 FEB 1916 ENCLOS. P.W.D.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT., IRRIGATION, Madras. 22 FEB 1916. No. 1659/16-A E

Public Works Department.

Irrigation Branch.

I REMINDER. No. 9894/15

REPLY. No 332 20.2.16.

To

The Supg. Engineer, VI circle.

To

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Mad[ras]

The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~ is directed to invite ~~invites~~

attention to the communication noted in the margin and to request that

J's No. 9894/15A-1, dated 10.1.16

this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected ~~and~~ and

~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

2. It is requested that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than 26.2.16.

P.K. Subbaraya 15.2.16

Office P.W.D. (I)

Signature.

Station Chepauk. For Secretary to Govt.

Designation.

Dated 16. 2.16.

15.2.16

SUBJECT.

Concession to officers of the Travancore Darbar in the matter of the use of P.W.D. steam launches for the navigation of the Periyar lake.

Forwarding for remarks letter from Resident in Travancore & Cochin

Sir

In reply to this office reminder No 1067 of 3.2.16, the Executive Engineer reports as follows under date 4.2. "This is a matter which cannot be decided without very careful consideration of data and of previous records. A reply will be sent in about 10 days."

The promised communication is still awaited.

(2) Before the 5th proximo.

17.2.16

17.2.16

18-2-16

Supg. Engineer, VI Circle

22.2.16

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P.W. DEPARTMENT. (9)

Steam launches on the Periyar lake, Madura Dt.

Laying down certain conditions in regard to the use of —— by the Officials of the Travancore Durbar, and fixing a scale of charges therefor.

"Boats."
"Rents."

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 60 I., dated 8. 2. 1912. 't'

" " " " ...., " .... 191 .

READ ALSO:—

p1-2 C. No. 9894/15, From the Resdt. in Travancore & Cochin No. 2557/4, dated 8. 12. 1915.

3-4 " " ...., To " S. E. VI Circle , , 9894/15 A.1 " 10. 1. 1916.

6-7 " " ...., From " " , , 381 C.E., " 1. 3. 1916.

Print

ORDER. No. 143 I, dated 24. 3. 1916.

Press.

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(2) that 24 hours previous notice ~~of the requirement~~ is given to the driver.

2. The charges leviable for the use of the ~~steamers~~ launches will be ~~with reference to~~ on the following reduced scale:—

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		Rs.
For one trip not exceeding three hours ..	..	9/-
For each additional hour of travelling	..	2½
For each additional hour not moving	..	0-12-0

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To

The Resid^t. in Travancore & Cochin through Pol. dept. MS Sc on 19 4/16

S. E. VI Circle. MS DO

A. G. Madras. — Sd & Sc dept. on 19 4/16

Copy to Pol. dept. MS DO

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